Looking to the present additions per month, it is expected that the target of 250 million would be achieved before the year end.

(e) and (f) New Telecom Policy (NTP) 99 adopts a technology neutral policy.

Ranchi and other cities under JNNURM

†*257. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such parts of Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, and other cities of the State which have been included for improvement under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) the details of the amount allocated for Jharkhand under this scheme and by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in implementing this scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Three cities namely Ranchi, Dhanbad and Jamshedpur are covered under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(b) to (d) The Planning Commission has made indicative allocation of a sum of Rs. 641.20 crore and Rs. 70.53 crore for the sub-Mission on UIG and a sum of Rs. 114.52 crore and Rs. 12.60 crore for UIDSSMT for the entire Mission period (2005–12) and for 2007-08 respectively in respect of State of Jharkhand.

However, funds have not been released to any of cities in Jharkhand so far, as Jharkhand has not yet signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Central Government for implementation of mandatory/optional reforms as required under the guidelines of JNNURM for accessing funds. No Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been received from Jharkhand State so far.

Corruption in Panchayati Raj

*258. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that panchayati raj in most of the States is a ground, for breeding corruption; and

(b) by when panchayati raj would be really successful in people's projects in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While there are reports of corruption in Panchayati Raj, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj does not share the view that Panchayati Raj Institutions, generally speaking, are breeding grounds for corruption. With respect to individual cases of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.